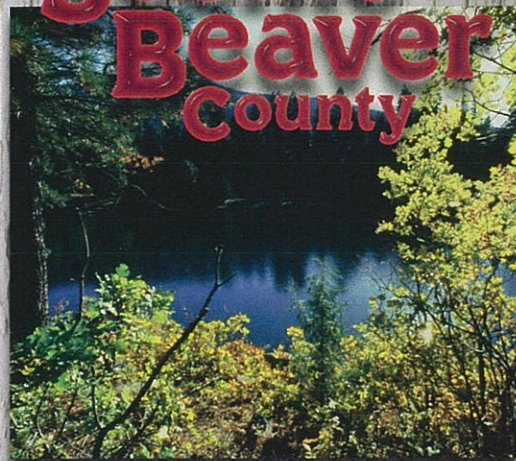


# Utah's Scenic Beaver County



## Mileage from major western US cities to Beaver City in Beaver County, Utah

City	Miles	City	Miles
Salt Lake City	212	Los Angeles	516
Boise	560	Phoenix	510
Ely	200	Reno	500
Denver	542	San Francisco	733
Las Vegas	235		

## Beaver County Travel Council

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# Visit Utah's Scenic Beaver County



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*If it involves the outdoors, you'll find it in*

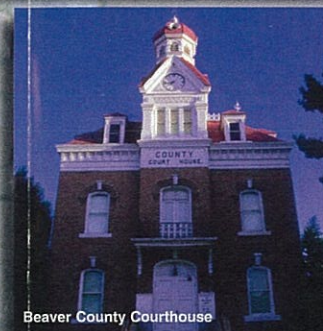


You can spend a fresh spring desert morning rock hounding or exploring a deserted mining town. You can escape the summer heat to fish for mountain trout in lush, stream laced forests. You can feel the excitement of crisp fall air and flaming trees at the beginning of a deer hunt. You can ski the slopes of a majestic winter mountain. It's all here in a 2,568 square mile patch of southwestern Utah that ranges from 12,000 foot mountain highs to 4,700 foot desert floors. You have places to see and things to do as varied as its four distinctive seasons.

The people of Beaver County possess a heritage dating back to Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon church in 1830. Most of the people living in Beaver County are descended from the Mormon pioneers sent by Brigham Young to inhabit this area. Many of the black rock and pink stone homes built by those pioneers still exist. The Mormon virtues, along with excellent cooking, beautiful quilts and needlework are still inherent in the everyday life in Beaver County.

The Beaver County Courthouse was built in 1877, twenty-one years after Beaver was settled. All the brick, mortar and timber used to build it came from the hills and mountains in the area. The beautiful old building now serves as a museum, open during the summer months.

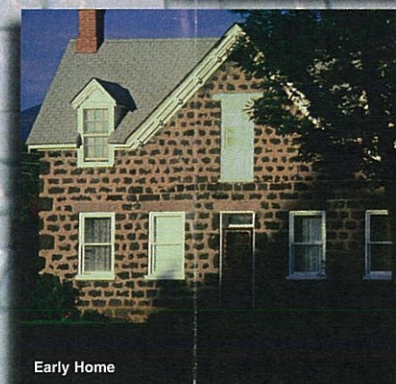
Across the street from the courthouse is the recently restored Opera House. This impressive building serves as a civic center and theater used by civic arts groups for plays, during summer months.



Beaver County Courthouse



Rockhounding



Early Home



Lake Fishing



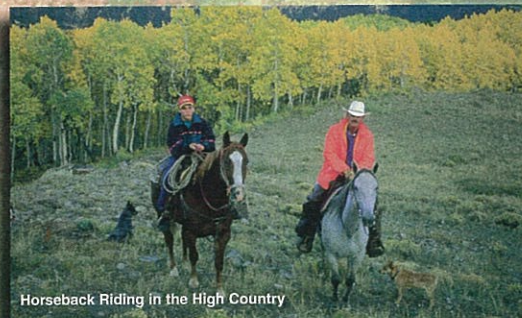
# High Country Recreation

## RECREATION

From the rugged and majestic granite peaks of the Mineral Mountains to the placid waters of such areas as Puffer Lake or Three Creeks Reservoir; from pristine and tranquil meadows to wondrous and profound examples of the area's history, Beaver County is a mecca for recreation.

The county offers mountains that are a challenge to climbers while a marvel to sightseers. It offers valleys and deserts that are serene and inviting. Imagine any type of recreation a family can enjoy and it can be found in Beaver County. Golfing, swimming, concerts, summer theater, senior citizens activities and adventures for historical wandering are but a few of the opportunities available and thriving in Beaver County.

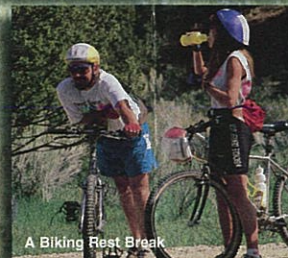
There is easy access to all of Beaver County's many recreation opportunities. Highway U-153 provides year-round access to magnificent Beaver Canyon, which leads to Elk Meadows Ski and Summer Resort. U-21 travels out through the Mineral Mountains for excellent rockhounding. This route is the easiest way to reach the Great Basin National Park from the east.



Horseback Riding in the High Country



Golfing on Well Groomed Courses



A Biking Rest Break



Skiing at Elk Meadows



Stream Fly Fishing

## CAMPING

Campers will find that perfect spot for their individual needs and desires in Beaver County. The area is crossed by two excellent north-south highways with I-15 through Beaver City on the eastern end of the county and U-130 and U-257, which combine to provide a good all-weather route through the nearby towns of Milford and Minersville.

Numerous and varied types and sizes of campgrounds can be found in all regions of the county, ranging from the desert to the high mountains.

## ROCKHOUNDING

The Mineral Mountains, besides serving as home for a large deer herd, are also a favorite of rockhounds. This range, one of the most mineralized in the state, is dotted with old ghost towns and mine dumps which produce a wide variety of potential treasures. With the opening of what may be the largest deposit of opalized material in the country just a few miles north of Milford, rockhounding can become truly exceptional.

In addition to opal, there are large deposits of jasper, rhyolite, agate, nodules, smoky quartz, and many varieties of obsidian.

Excellent rockhounding areas extend from the mineral range west to the Utah/Nevada border.

## A WORD OF CAUTION:

Most of the areas described are in lonely, uninhabited spots. Take food, water, blankets and maps. Nothing herein shall give anyone the right to dig, take, or possess any rocks or minerals from any lands illegally. Make sure you are complying with state, federal and private property restrictions concerning trespass, access, camping, excavation, or removal of rocks and minerals.



Family Fun in Rockhounding

## PICNIC AREAS

If one is searching for that special place to enjoy a picnic lunch or dinner, Beaver County will satisfy any desire. The entire county is dotted with scenic and enjoyable spots. From open meadows to secluded woodlands, there are not only the popular, marked picnic areas, but out of the way places for the more adventurous.

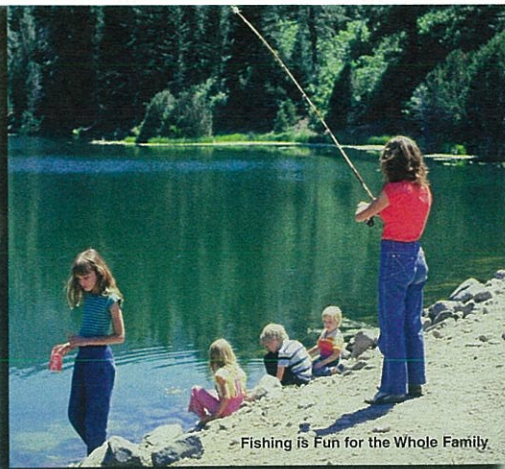


Hiking in the Autumn



Well Maintained Campgrounds





Fishing is Fun for the Whole Family

## FISHING

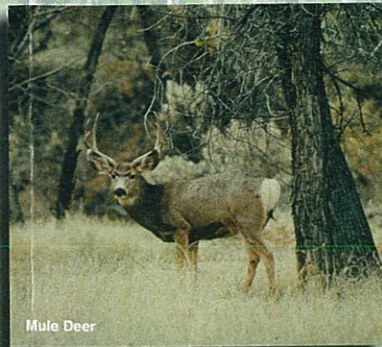
Trout fishing in Beaver County is unsurpassed. High mountain lakes and streams provide a magnificent setting and produce abundant supplies of rainbow, brook and brown trout. The opportunity exists for a morning or an afternoon "getaway" as well as for the extended outing of "serious" fishing.

For the boating fisherman, Minersville Reservoir offers opportunities that are at the same time exciting and relaxing. It is not uncommon to hook a three to eight pounder while leisurely trolling the reservoir—the largest body of water in the county. Fly and artificial lures are the only bait allowed in your possession while on the reservoir. Only trout over 20 inches may be harvested.

## HUNTING

The mountains of Beaver County are home to some of the state's largest mule deer and elk herds. The irrigated farmland near Milford and Minersville is perfect hunting ground for pheasants and sage hens. The juniper and pinions of the lower ranges are a fine area for antelope, grouse, jackrabbits, coyotes, bobcats and mountain lion. Hunters should check with the local wildlife officials for information on permits and seasons.

When the early settlers arrived in Beaver County, they found wild turkeys in the lower valleys and river bottoms. The Merriams species — the original inhabitants — and the Rio Grande species which has been transplanted in recent years, are the two species currently residing here.



Mule Deer



Wild turkeys can be found in Beaver County



Exciting Fishing

Fishing and hunting are sports that are controlled by state and federal regulations. Some areas have special regulations. Be sure you obtain a proclamation for each sport and are properly licensed before participating.

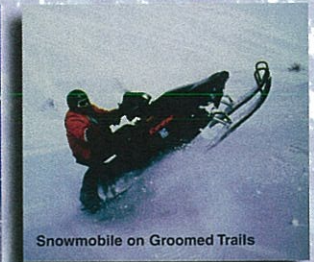
# Winter Sports

## ELK MEADOWS

Elk Meadows Ski and Summer Resort, 18 miles east of Beaver City, offers big-mountain terrain and small town hospitality. The resort base, located at 9,200 feet, features Utah powder at its best. With five lifts and 30 runs, beginners to experts will discover skiing the way it ought to be. Ski rentals and lessons, gift shops, restaurants, condominiums and two day lodges are available for visitors.



Challenging Slopes for All Ski Levels



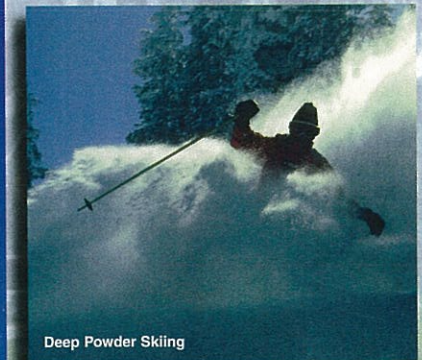
Snowmobile on Groomed Trails



Ski Lessons Available



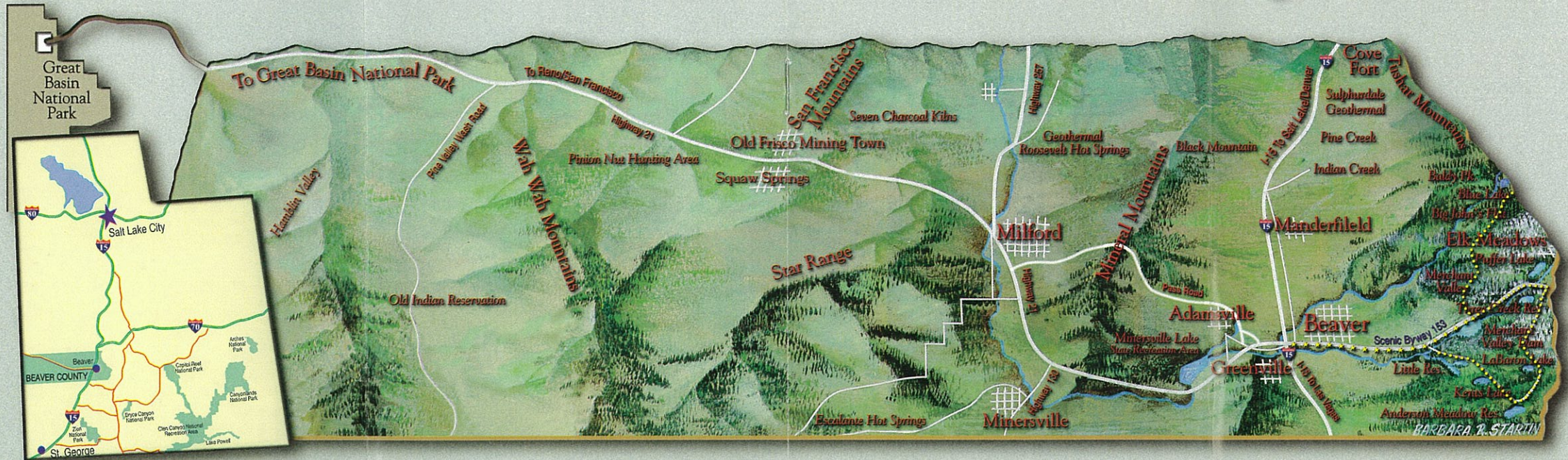
Taking Air



Deep Powder Skiing



# Discover Beautiful Beaver County, Utah



## Scenic BYWAY 153

Beaver Canyon Scenic Byway U-153 climbs from Interstate 15 and the city of Beaver through beautiful Beaver Canyon to the Tushar Mountains surrounding Elk Meadows Ski and Summer Resort. Picnic areas and an excellent trout stream are located along the 17 mile paved route. Recreational opportunities are plentiful and the colorful red and gold foliage of the surrounding Fishlake National Forest makes Scenic Route 153 a favorite autumn drive for local residents as well as tourists visiting Beaver County.



## Scenic BACKWAYS

The Kimberly / Big John road is a Scenic Backway. This dirt road starts near Elk Meadows and climbs northward over the Tushar Mountains in the Fishlake National Forest. It passes the historic Kimberly mining district and ends at Interstate 70 just north of Beaver County. Another section of the backway continues along Scenic Byway U153, past Elk Meadows and the tranquil Puffer Lake. The mountain area is a great place for camping and is abundant with fishing lakes. The road winds through the forest and ends at the city of Junction on US-89. The Kimberly / Big John road is closed in the winter.

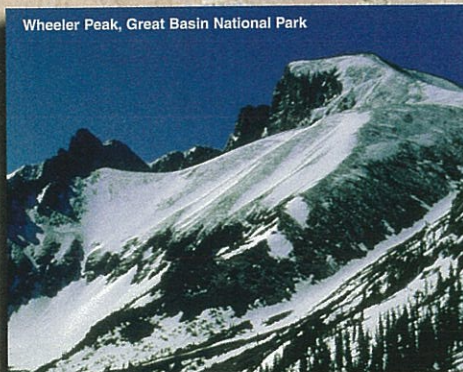
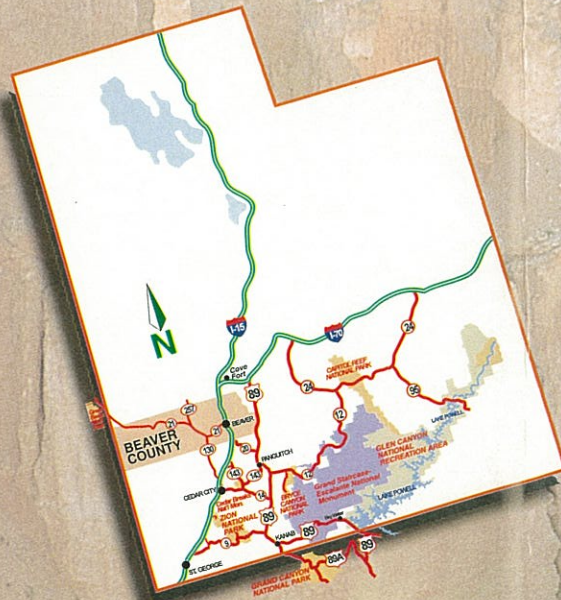
## BYWAY 153 SCENIC LOOP DRIVE

The Scenic Loop Drive from the city of Beaver along U-153 through Beaver Canyon and into the high mountain lake area of the Tushar Mountains is an unforgettable experience. You can spend a few hours or a couple of days along the drive. Sight-seeing, hiking, mountain biking and fishing are just a few of the things you'll experience as you wind your way through the deep green forests, skirt past fish laden lakes or just relax in one of the many pristine mountain meadows viewing wildlife. The Scenic Loop Drive is one travel experience that you don't want to miss while visiting Utah's Beaver County.



# Gateway To The National Parks

Beaver County is a great place to stay while enjoying the activities of southwestern Utah's Color Country and the spectacular scenery of the national parks. Great Basin National Park is located just 107 miles to the northwest in a remote mountain range that snakes down the Utah-Nevada desert. By taking Route 21 west of Beaver City you can easily reach Great Basin. With the 13,000-foot high Wheeler Peak, a small glacier, a large natural arch, and the deep limestone caverns of Lehman Caves, this is one of the most beautiful areas in the western United States.



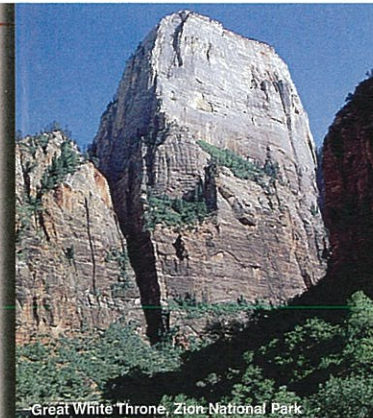
Wheeler Peak, Great Basin National Park

## MILEAGE TO COLOR COUNTRY NATIONAL PARKS FROM BEAVER COUNTY CITIES

NATIONAL PARKS	BEAVER	MINERSVILLE	MILFORD
Bryce Canyon National Park	68	86	98
Capitol Reef National Park	175	193	205
Grand Canyon North Rim	190	190	202
Grand Staircase/ Escalante Natl. Monument	83	101	113
Great Basin National Park	120	102	90
Lake Powell (Wahweap)	170	170	182
Zion National Park	106	106	118

Easily accessible from Beaver County, a total of six national parks and recreation areas are located in southwestern Utah's Color Country...each so uniquely different that it doesn't seem possible that they are within such short drives from your accommodations. Imagine enjoying the gleaming stone towers and narrows of Zion National Park, the delicately carved spires and hoodoos of Bryce Canyon National Park, the vast blue waters of Lake Powell, the grandeur and depth of the Grand Canyon National Park, the magnificence of the monoliths of Capitol Reef National Park and the beautiful wilderness areas of Great Basin National Park.

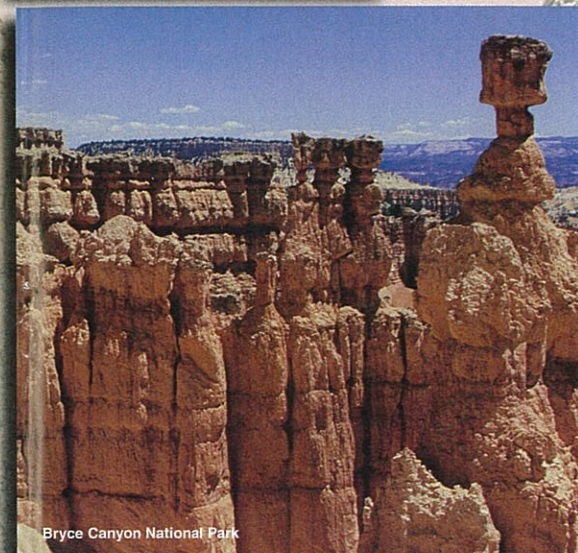
When you add the numerous state parks and national monuments, including the nation's newest national monument, Grand Staircase of the Escalante National Monument, you'll find more year-round recreational opportunities to take advantage of while staying in Utah's Beaver County.



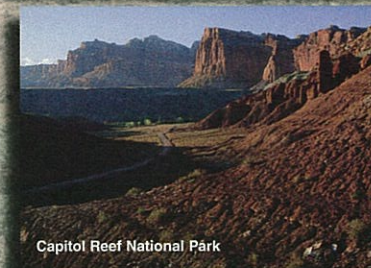
Great White Throne, Zion National Park



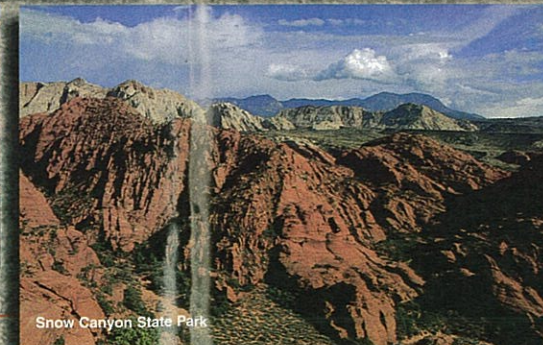
Grand Canyon National Park North Rim



Bryce Canyon National Park



Capitol Reef National Park



Snow Canyon State Park



# Towns In Beaver County

## BEAVER

Beaver City, easily accessed by exits 109 and 112 off Interstate 15, is the county seat and largest city in the county. It provides all services as well as activities such as golf, access to Paiute ATV Trail, indoor swimming pool, gun club, and horse races. The log cabin visitor center at 40 South Main has displays of pioneer artifacts and information. (Hours are posted at the door.)

## MILFORD

Milford, 32 miles west off I-15 was originally a railroad and mining town. A new depot in Spanish style architecture was recently completed. Both Union Pacific freight trains and Amtrak stop here.

When founded, Milford was a rough town that in time developed two elements, one was saloons and other places of entertainment located near the mines, while the other was businesses and churches located nearer the town center. Some of the old homes and businesses still exist but the rougher element is pretty well gone. In its heyday, Milford was famous for its hotels, especially the Tanner house. Two still stand, the Milford Hotel and the Horn Silver.

The mountains, desert and surrounding area abound in minerals. A major geothermal development nearby is now producing electrical power for part of the area. In 1993, with the construction of the Circle Four Farms, a modern pork production facility, the economy of Milford received a great boost. The farm will accommodate 120,000 sows and their offspring by the year 2000. A modern pelleted feed manufacturing facility is also located in Milford.

## GREENVILLE

Greenville is five miles west of Beaver City and one mile south of U-21. Named for the lush green meadows and fields that surround the area, this small town was settled in 1860 by Mormon pioneers who originally lived in rough log cabins and adobe homes. Today, farming and cattle ranching are the main occupations.



Pioneer School House

## SULPHURDALE

Sulphurdale is just north of Beaver City off I-15. Boasting the only pure steam site in the United States, Sulphurdale is home to a major geothermal plant. The area is renowned for its hunting. Visitors can freely hunt on nonposted areas or can seek permission to hunt on posted areas.

## MINERSVILLE

Minersville, located 18 miles west off I-15, sits in a small picturesque valley surrounded by mountains with a meandering river close by. It was first settled as a mining town where silver, gold and lead were mined. Its main industry is dairy farming. Every August Minersville is the site of the Beaver County Fair.

## FRISCO

Frisco, a ghost town, once had a population of 4,000 before a cave-in occurred in the mines it dug its livelihood from. The cave-in happened between shifts so there was no loss of life or injuries, but it was determined to be financially unfeasible to reopen the mines. Don't miss the old cemetery at Frisco.



Restored Milford Train Depot

# Historical Sites

## HISTORY

Beaver County history dates back to 1776 when the Franciscan priests' search for a shorter route between missions passed through the area now enjoyed by thousands of travelers each year. Father Escalante and Father Dominguez recorded in their diary; "We found everything convenient, it being necessary to go to the arroyo for water or to its meadows for pasture."

The convenience found by those priests more than 200 years ago is still here today. Many historical sites have been preserved and maintained. The Horn Silver Mine at Old Frisco—west of Milford in the San Francisco range—was opened in 1800 or so, and proved to be one of the richest mines in history. The ghost town of today offers an excellent day of exploration, adventure, and a reminder of the boom past.

The old Beaver County Courthouse in Beaver City, with its classical architecture has been restored and now offers tours. Beaver Historical Park, adjacent to the courthouse features a statue of Philo T. Farnsworth, the father of television.

The county has many other historical sites marked along its highways and byways, in addition to more than 100 homes listed on the national historical register. It is also the birthplace of the infamous Butch Cassidy.



Philo T. Farnsworth



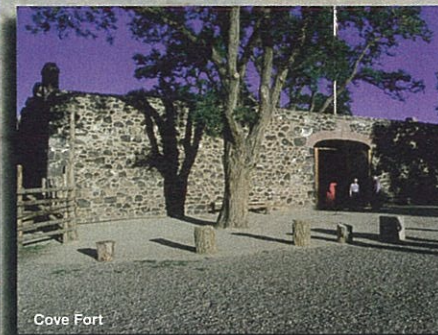
Restored Room at Cove Fort

## COVE FORT

Cove Fort, located north of Beaver City near the junction of I-15 and I-70, has recently been restored. It is believed by many historians to be the most perfectly preserved pioneer fort in the west. From 1867 to 1877, Cove Fort was a popular way station and resting stop along the main route from Salt Lake City to the settlements in southern Utah and southern California. The 18-foot high walls are built mostly of black volcanic rock and limestone.

The fort is an impressive site housing six rooms with period furnishings and artifacts. Included in the restoration project are barns and other out-buildings including a working blacksmith shop.

Cove Fort is the second most visited Mormon historical site in Utah. It is open daily for guided tours from 8:00 am to dusk. Tours are free.



Cove Fort



Classic Car

Photo Credit: John Leight, 1917 Chevrolet touring car  
Owned by Elmer and Karla Evans